

2008/09 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 21 April 2008

I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this submission be considered.

Are you completing this submission:

On behalf of a group or organisation

If you are representing, how many people do you represent?

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Your Submission:

1. Age Concern Canterbury Inc. is concerned that the proposed rates increase will cause hardship to many of the people we work with, particularly those on low and fixed incomes.

2. Age Concern Canterbury Inc. is opposed to the uniform targeted rate for waste. We also have some concerns about implementation of the new rubbish collection system, particularly for those people with disabilities. We would welcome the opportunity for further discussion on this issue and may be able to assist in communicating the changes to older people.

3. Age Concern Canterbury Inc. is opposed to the proposed 24% rent increase for City Council tenants. We believe that this will lead to considerable hardship amongst some of the most vulnerable in our community. We were further disappointed that a range of options was not presented to Council. We would support an increase of 5% (or less) in 2008/09. This will give Council time to ask the Housing Working Party to further consider this issue in more detail and develop a range of options. It will also allow a formal proposal to be made to Government for social housing assistance.